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29 July 1958

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Major General M. A. Preston  
Director of Operations  
Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations  
Department of the Air Force

25X1A **THROUGH** : Colonel [REDACTED]  
Special Assistant to the Inspector General  
for Projects  
Department of the Air Force

**SUBJECT** : Proposed Peripheral Elint Missions

25X1A 1. Herewith is a short paper prepared for me within CIA. In your office on 28 July I promised to pass this to you through Colonel [REDACTED] I have taken the liberty of handing a copy of this to Colonel [REDACTED] (AFCIN) so that the Air Force Requirements Officer will be familiar with it.

2. I am in full agreement with what I understood to be your view that our organization should undertake peripheral missions of this character only when (a) we have a superior or more readily available capability and (b) a real requirement exists for the intelligence collection.

3. As to the first of these criteria, I am confident that for reasons set forth in the attachment the so-called System IV Elint collection device in the U-2 aircraft does constitute a superior collection capability, at least for pioneer reconnaissance. It should be noted that within several months, SAC will have this equipment checked out in their U-2s and will therefore possess the same capability. As of today, however, our arrangements with the Norwegians are complete and we could move a staging

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party in [REDACTED] from our European Detachment on short notice. I believe therefore we are in better position to perform these missions this season.

4. As to the second criteria, I believe the two missions discussed in the attachment (one to the Gulf of Finland thence the Baltic coast and the other in the Barents Sea) give promise of yielding a valuable addition to presently available intelligence and justify whatever hazards are involved providing that we wait for weather that would permit accurate navigation.

5. I am sure you realize that specific missions would be coordinated well in advance with your staff in accordance with agreed procedures.

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Special Assistant to the Director

Attachment:

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cc: Col. [REDACTED] AFCIG w/cy 6 att. TCS-3457-58  
Col. [REDACTED] AFCIN w/cy 7 att TCS-3457-58

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